

## June 11, 2013 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Stephen Heggemeier presided and City Clerk/Treasurer Terri Ernst served as secretary. Present Alderpersons: Hanson, Tolzmann, Lulloff, Lorence, Feldman and Kiviko. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were: Tim Swiggum-CDA Director, Gary Smith-DPW, Andrew Schade-Chief of Police and Ashley Hansen-Police Officer.

### Minutes

A Lorence/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 5/28/13 meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

A Tolzmann/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the May Treasurer's Report.

### Police Report

A Lorence/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved the May Owen-Withee Police Report. Andrew Schade-Chief of Police introduced Ashley Hansen as the new Police Officer. The Council welcomed Ashley to Owen.

### Public Works

Gary Smith reported that blacktop for County Highway X will be arriving June 27th.

### Public Opinion

Present: Pam Jaffke and Travis Rogers-Associate Editor OW Enterprise. Pam Jaffke inquired if the City has heard anything from the tower attorney on the tower at the OW School. Clerk Ernst reported that she has been in contact with their attorney and she is promising to submit the information soon. Jaffke also reported that the electrical service to her property is old and has no insulation on the wires. She has sent the PSC a letter and requested that the City do the same. Clerk Ernst will contact the PSC.

### Financial Statements

Mike Lensmire-CliftonLarsonAllen Auditor was present to discuss any questions the City Council may have regarding the 2012 Financial Statement. Lensmire expressed concerns about the City's unassigned fund balance being low this year; the water utility operating at a negative; and the sewer utility operating fairly. The PSC expressed concerns to the Auditor regarding the negative net position the water utility is in. Both PSC and Auditor recommend a water rate increase. A lot of the reason the water utility seems not to be doing so good is that there is a lot of water loss. Gary Smith-DPW, commented that they have fixed a couple big leaks late in 2012 which may take care of that problem. Council representatives expressed concern about raising water rates when the sewer rates just went up. Smith and Ernst will contact the PSC and discuss what substantial leaks have been fixed and in addition to all the meter well pumps being calibrated in 2012.

A Tolzmann/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the 2012 Financial Statement.

### Fireworks Permit

A Tolzmann/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved the application for a fireworks permit to Kellie Hanson of the Thirsty Squirrel on July 6, 2013. Hanson abstained.

### Bridge Aid

A Hanson/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved to table the discussion until the next meeting.

### Budget Amendment

A Lorence/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved Resolution #2013-27 moving funds of \$10,000 from Sidewalks Outlay to the Curb and Gutter Outlay. The adopted amended 2012 Budget remains at \$1,171,038.00.

### CDA Report

CDA Director Tim Swiggum reported that he has had continuing conversations with Jim Louks as well as Dave Konwinski. Both are continuing to work on finalizing financing and will hopefully soon be

prepared to present more definite plans. The Family Dollar project has a wetland issue and would like to acquire more land to the west of the original site. The Railroad responded with their proposal in the City acquiring RR property in the City. The car show will be held August 17th. The first free movie night will be held Thursday 6/13/13.

#### Parks & Rec.

The Parks & Rec. committee met on June 5th. Discussions took place regarding the poor draining at campsite #2 and south end; picnic tables need maintenance; re-roofing the Mill Pond Park buildings and looking for volunteers; pricing will be obtained for metal and materials; Tim Swiggum gave an update on the Railroad proposal; Mike Renderman and his boys will fix and improve the goose blinds located on the north end of the Mill Pond.

#### Disbursements

A question was asked and answered about Check #20575. A Lulloff/Hanson motion and subsequent vote approved disbursements. City Pooled 20551-20610; City Total \$46,468.20; Water Total \$13,856.06; Sewer Total \$48,545.58; TIF #3 \$7.05; CDBG grant \$1,168,514.50.

#### Adjourn

A Kiviko/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 6/11/13 open session meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Stephen M. Heggemeier, Mayor  
Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer

(To be considered for Approval at the 6/25/2013 Council Meeting. Published 6/19/2013.)